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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Jyunichi KAMAKURA et al.

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Examiner: Matthew P. Gubiotti

For: SYSTEM ANALYSIS APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM
STORING SYSTEM ANALYSIS PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 11, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on May 11, 2003. May 11, 2003 being a Sunday, this Amendment is timely filed by Monday, May 12, 2003. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by Monday, May 12, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the first full paragraph of the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION beginning on page 1, with the following paragraph:

--Even if an existing system is reorganized, main functions in the new system are not very different from those of the existing system. In this situation, subsystems of the existing system are reused to reduce both of the development costs and development term. In order to reuse subsystems, it is necessary to isolate subsystems required for reuse from the other resources in an enormous existing system. Currently, this isolation of subsystems is carried out using design documents at the time of development and/or the knowledge of development

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